

REMARKS

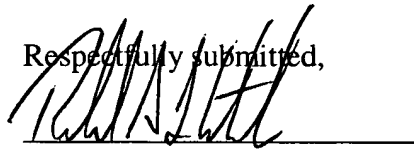
In response to the Office Action mailed 20 September 2005, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the election of a species made herein and the following comments.

The Examiner has indicated that the patent application contains four patentably distinct species as illustrated in Figures 1-7, Figures 8-10, Figure 11, and Figures 12-13. The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single one of these species to be pursued if no generic claim is ultimately held to be allowable.

The Applicants elect the species illustrated in Figures 1-7, and note that Claims 1-17 read directly upon the elected species of Figures 1-7. In addition, the Examiner has noted that currently pending Claims 1 and 24 are generic to all illustrated embodiments. Therefore, no claim amendments are made at this time.

If any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's counsel at the number provided below so that a resolution can be most effectively reached.

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